GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4579
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OBJECTIONS BY OIL COMPANIES ON INTER-STATE GAS PIPELINE
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;JASWANT SINGH YADAV;M.V.V.S MURTHI;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;SHIVAJI MANE;SHYAMA SINGH;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Oil Companies have expressed strong opposition to the new inter-State gas pipeline proposal floated by one private sector company as reported in the `Hindustan Times` dated July 27, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the involvement of private sector in this particular field is going to have an adverse impact on massive investments made by PSUs for setting up refineries and gas import facilities; and

(c) if so, the further reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Import of liquefied natural gas(LNG) is on Open General Licence (OGL) and there are various initiatives including private, which propose to import LNG to India for marketing.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.